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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 9, 13, 14, 15, and 16, and enter Claims 17-20 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A garment hanger comprising:  
a hook portion having a generally C-shaped portion with an upper portion, a lower portion, and an open side between said upper portion and said lower portion for receiving a support bar therethrough;  
first and second arms extending outwardly from said hook portion for supporting an article of clothing on said garment hanger, said lower portion being joined with and integral with said arms and thereby reinforcing said arms; and  
wherein said hook portion is adapted to further open said open side for receiving the support bar therethrough and releasably retaining said hook portion on the support bar and to be retained on said support bar even when said garment hanger is subject to vibration or movement relative to the support bar, said lower portion being sufficiently stiff to substantially remain stationary relative to said upper portion when said hook portion is urged into engagement with the support bar wherein the upper portion deflects to open said open side.
2. (original) The garment hanger according to Claim 1, wherein said first and second arms are angled downwardly with respect to said hook portion.
3. (original) The garment hanger according to Claim 1, wherein said hook portion and said first and second arms are formed from a wire member.
4. (original) The garment hanger according to Claim 3, wherein said wire member has a generally uniform thickness.

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5. (original) The garment hanger according to Claim 4, wherein said wire member comprises a plastic wire member.
6. (original) The garment hanger according to Claim 1, wherein each of said first and second arms includes a recessed portion for receiving a strap of a garment.
7. (currently amended) The garment hanger according to Claim [[5]] 6, wherein each of said first and second arms include a raised shoulder to provide lateral support to a garment hanging on said first and second arms.
8. (original) The garment hanger according to Claim 7, wherein said recessed portions are located adjacent said raised shoulders.
9. (currently amended) A garment hanger comprising:  
a hook portion for engaging a support bar, said hooked portion having and upper portion and a lower portion and an open side therebetween for receiving the support bar; and  
first and second arms extending outwardly and downwardly from said hooked portion, each of said first and second arms having a support surface for hanging a garment on said first and second arms, and said lower portion being joined with said arms wherein said lower portion reinforces said arms and is sufficiently stiff to substantially remain stationary relative to said upper portion and wherein said upper portion deflects to open said open side and forms ~~said hold portion forming~~ a spring for releasably retaining said hook portion on the support bar.
10. (original) The garment hanger according to Claim 9, wherein at least one of said first and second arms includes a raised shoulder, said raised shoulder forming a lateral support for a garment hanging on at least one of said first and second arms.

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11. (original) The garment hanger according to Claim 10, wherein each of said first and second arms includes said raised shoulder.

12. (original) The garment hanger according to Claim 9, said arms including a pair of recesses for receiving a strap of a garment.

13. (currently amended) The garment hanger according to Claim 9, wherein said ~~hook upper~~ portion ~~has a~~ and said lower portion form a generally C-shaped portion with ~~[[an]]~~ said open side for receiving the support bar therethrough.

14. (currently amended) The garment hanger according to Claim ~~[[12]]~~ 13, wherein said ~~hook upper~~ portion ~~further includes an engagement arm, said engagement arm opening opens~~ said open side for receiving ~~[[a]]~~ the support bar having a greater dimension than the dimension of said open side wherein the support bar is releasably captured in said C-shaped portion when said hook portion is mounted on the support bar.

15. (currently amended) The garment hanger according to Claim ~~[[13]]~~ 14, wherein said ~~engagement arm~~ upper portion includes a cam surface, said cam surface for engaging the support bar when said garment hanger is being mounted on the support bar, and said cam surface urging said open side to open further when said hook portion is urged into engagement with the support bar.

16. (currently amended) The garment hanger according to Claim ~~[[13]]~~ 2, ~~wherein said engagement arm deflects to thereby open said open side~~ further comprising a plastic wire member, said plastic wire member forming said hook portion and said arms.

17. (new) The garment hanger according to Claim 1, wherein said lower portion forms an inverted generally U-shaped base.

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18. (new) The garment hanger according to Claim 9, wherein said lower portion forms an inverted, generally U-shaped base, said base reinforcing said arms and integrally joined with said arms.

19. (new) A garment hanger comprising;  
a plastic wire member forming a hooked portion with an upper portion and a lower portion, said lower portion being spaced from said upper portion and defining therebetween an open side for receiving a support bar through said open side, and said upper portion forming a spring to releasably engage the support bar;  
said lower portion comprising an inverted, generally U-shaped base; and  
said wire member extending from said base to form a triangular shaped frame defining a pair of opposed arms, said arms being adapted for supporting a garment thereon.

20. (new) The garment hanger according to Claim 9, wherein said upper portion and said lower portion form a generally C-shaped hook.